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The soon to commence construction is in response
to the drought condition and the financial state of
the residents.

The Mpologoma River Project will cost about \$1.28
billion (Shs4.5 trillion).

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According to the director of crop resources in the
Agriculture ministry, Mr Okassai Opolot, the
irrigation project is geared towards the promotion
of Agriculture in the area and the country at large.



The project will also boost post-harvest processing
facilities, distribution, agricultural produce
marketing and also build capacity for poverty
alleviation and job creation in rural areas.

"The ministry is implementing the directive of the President to fully utilize the existing [water] resources to promote irrigation systems because of the prevailing situation that has been compounded by the long dry spell,"-

Mr Okassai Opolot.

Okassai said this during a sensitization programme in Kibuku and Pallisa districts on Wednesday, as he represented the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Vicent Ssempijja.

He went on to say that the River Mpologoma project in Pallisa and Kibuku districts will run for 49 years and will also be implemented in phases.

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While the Ministry of Agriculture is in charge of the project, Okassai says that the construction will be multi-sectoral in the sense that it will involve other ministries, departments and agencies responsible for agriculture, water, environment, energy, local government, trade, investment and private sector.

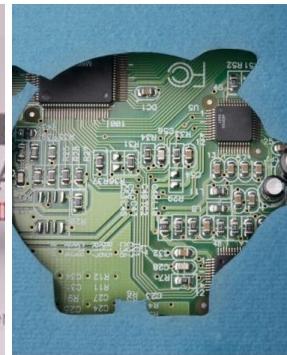
Daily Monitor reports that a feasibility study reveals that the project will entail several components, including aquaculture, domestic water supply and livestock farming.

Ms Margaret Wazikonya, Kibuku Resident District Commissioner, added her voice to the good prospects of the anticipated irrigation project. She urged politicians and other stakeholders to sensitize their communities about the good of the project.

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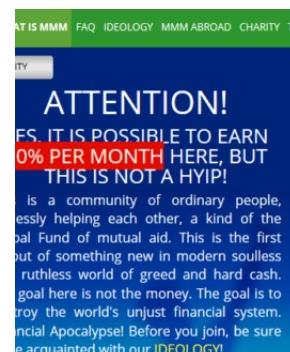
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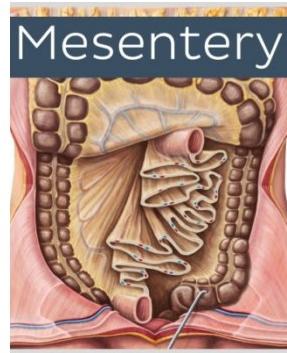
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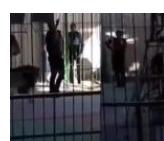
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